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- said first shaft comprising first and second shaft parts and a quick disconnect joint between said first and second shaft parts permitting disconnection of said first and second shaft parts and pivoting of



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said first shaft part relative to said first U-joint to a first out of the way position and pivoting of said second shaft part relative to said second U-joint to a second out of the way position.

2. An intermediate steering column as defined in claim 1 wherein said first shaft part includes a first surface extending parallel to said longitudinal axis of said first shaft part engageable with a second surface on said second shaft part extending parallel to said first surface.

3. An intermediate steering column as defined in claim 2 wherein said quick disconnect joint includes a fastener extending through said first and second surfaces.

4. An intermediate steering column as defined in claim 1 wherein said second shaft part includes a tubular end into which said first shaft part extends.



5. An intermediate steering column as defined in claim 4 wherein said quick disconnect joint includes a fastener extending through said tubular end of said second shaft part and said first shaft part located within said tubular end.

6. An intermediate steering column as defined in claim 1 wherein said quick disconnect joint includes a bolt extending through said first and second shaft parts and a nut threadably engaging said bolt.

7. An intermediate steering column as defined in claim 6 further including a second bolt extending through said first and second shaft parts and a second nut threadably engaging said second bolt.

8. An intermediate steering column as defined in claim 1 wherein said first U-joint is located at least in part on a side of the firewall opposite a passenger compartment of the vehicle, said first shaft being for location at least in part on the side of the firewall opposite the passenger compartment.

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